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THERE IS NOTHING TO FORMALDEHYDE SCARE

Department of Agriculture Have Tested Treated Grain

After creating the biggest scare of the week, the bottom line of the formaldehyde scare, and farmers who have already treated their grain can rest assured that it will grow as far as anything being the matter with the seed is concerned.

Early last week the provincial de-

partment of agriculture received numerous reports from various parts of the province that seed treated with formaldehyde was not germinating. Immediately the department secured samples, treated seed, and had it placed in germinators by Professor Cutler at the University, and by the agronomists at the schools of agriculture. Chemical tests were also commenced by the provincial analyst, Mr. Kelso. Reports of five days germination tests of seed treated with formaldehyde from 25 different parts of the province shows seed of high germination and strong vitality. Nineteen samples at the University tested an average of 98 per cent for treated seed as against 99 per cent of untreated seed of similar kind and origin. The provincial analyst says: "I find no evidence of adulteration of any kind whatever in the samples submitted to me for analysis."

From the evidence at hand the department feel absolutely safe in stating that formaldehyde has not been adulterated, and will not result in injury to seed if fresh clean formaldehyde is used, at the rate of one pound to forty gallons of water.

Experiments have also been carried out at the Experimental farm, Lethbridge, and the report from there is to the effect that there is nothing wrong with the formaldehyde.

GUNNER BLAXALL HEARD FROM

Gunner Clarence Blaxall, who recently arrived in England, has written to friends in Vulcan describing his adventures as nearly as he is allowed, and as they may be of interest to his friends in town the letter has been handed on to us.

He says in part: "We had a very rough trip crossing. We were lined up in front of the Calgarian but we left in another boat. On the Monday night we were all at a concert and a big wave came over us. It swept two of the life boats off and smashed five all to pieces, and the railings were doubled up like rope. It also broke three doors and tons of water came in. I was just coming out of the concert and was washed off my feet and I began to wonder what was coming next. I finally got up on my feet and found I was waist deep in water. A bucket brigade was formed and with the aid of the engine pumps we were until two in the morning getting the water out. I cannot explain to you the damage done but by the look of the boat it was a wonder that we were not swamped. The storm lasted for four days. When we came in sight of land we were away up the north of Scotland, and believe me, there was a tickled bunch about that time. We landed at a town in Scotland and I would like to tell you what I saw there. We are now in Witley camp. I have no idea when we will get out but I do not think it will be long."

INCREASE IN ACREAGE TO BE SEED

The work of seeding is progressing under favourable circumstances. The rain and snow of the weekend did not delay matters much as only in some cases was it necessary to wait until noon on Monday before getting to work. It is estimated that from 60 to 70 per cent of the seeding is now done, and if the weather holds good a speedy wind-up is certain.

It is difficult to make any definite statement as the acreage to be seeded this spring, but the average estimate of all districts in the Vulcan territory is that there will be an increase over last season of from 15 to 20 per cent. Farmers speak highly of present conditions; they were never better for the time of the year.

RED CROSS "AT HOME" HAS BEEN POSTPONED

The Red Cross "at home" which should have been held tomorrow, Thursday, has been postponed, owing to the inability of the speaker for the occasion to be present. Capt. G. E. Learmonth was to have delivered the address, but as he is unable to be present the affair has to be held over until he can make it convenient to be here.

Capt. Learmonth, who has been overseas with the Medical Corps, is a High River man, and well known to many in this district. During his work in the trenches he has had many experiences which have brought him into close touch with the amount of good Red Cross work is doing. As soon as he notifies the local committee as to when he will be able to be present the date of the "at home" will be published.

Notices have been posted by the Alberta Stockyards company, Calgary, that in future all livestock will be protected against fire while in the yards at a cost to the owner of the livestock of 20c per car. This new ruling came into effect on Monday of this week.

ARE COMBING THEM OVER IN ENGLAND

The men who are called up under the order of the Military Service Act need not think that they are the only ones affected. In a recent letter to relatives in town Signaller C. H. Lewis, of the C.E.F., who has been in England for some time as well as having seen active service, writes to say that the military authorities in England are going over the Canadians there with a fine tooth comb, and that there will be no more talk of men in the Canadian army holding down soft office jobs in London at high rates of pay. Every available man of whatever rank is being called upon to handle a rifle.

In regard of the present situation Signaller Lewis, while acknowledging the gravity of the situation, wrote at the commencement of the German offensive, says that there is a tone of general optimism in England as to the outcome of the present struggle. Everybody knows that it is a life and death throw for the enemy and that he will do all in his power to annihilate the British forces, but the confidence in the British soldiers and their leaders is more than strong enough to believe that the Germans will fall in their object. Meanwhile the whole of civilian England is behind the army to a man, doing all in their power to "carry on" just as the soldiers are doing. It is a splendid spirit that prevails, says the Signaller, "and one that cannot fail to carry the empire through to victory."

FARM LABOR PLENTIFUL

That there is no shortage of labor for farm work is testified by the following communication which has been received by the Advocate from Chas. S. Hotchkiss, of the publicity bureau, department of Agriculture, Edmonton: "The Provincial Labor Bureau throughout the province now report a surplus of farm labor. Farmers who may require further assistance are requested to apply without further delay to the nearest provincial Farm Labor Bureau stating full particulars of their needs, wages, time of service, etc."

BAPTIST SERVICES SUNDAY

The Rev. F. W. Daffoe, general Baptist missionary of Calgary will conduct services at the Reid Hill school house on Sunday next, April 21st, at 11 o'clock in the morning. In the evening at half past seven he will preach at Kirkcaldy in the poolroom.

Commanders and Leaders of Both Sides, in the Greatest Battle of the World's History



Commander-in-Chief, General Sir Douglas Haig, Commander-in-Chief of the British Armies, Crown Prince Frederick Wilhelm is leading an army in the present drive. Field Marshal von Hindenburg, German Strategist.

ARMADA RED CROSS ANNUAL MEETING

On Wednesday afternoon of last week the Armada Red Cross Society held the annual meeting at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Theismeyer. A large number of ladies were present, and Miss Galbraith was elected president for the year.

In the evening a social was held, a number of men joining the ladies. Songs, readings and musical solos were contributed to a good program. Mr. and Mrs. Simons and Mr. Glover of Vulcan assisting. Supper was served by the hostess. During the evening Mr. S. Galbraith gave an address in regard to the work that was being done in Armada, and issued an appeal for still greater effort from those who had not yet entered upon this field of war activity. A collection was taken during the evening, when \$19 was realized.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES IN VULCAN CHURCH

"When a conscientious slacker remarks that he is a follower of Jesus the King of Peace therefore he cannot fight, just remind him that the self-same Jesus said to Pilate that earthly kings have a right to expect their subjects to fight."

So averred the Rev. Dr. Ferguson in his Sunday evening sermon at the anniversary services at Vulcan church. There are two kingdoms, the political and the spiritual; there are two kings, King Jesus and King George; there are two loyalties, loyalty to the sovereign, patriotism, and loyalty to the heavenly king, religion. These are not contrary to one another. Indeed, they both have claims that must be met. The Christian is not excused as such from duties of the State, even to the obligations that war demands. "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's." It is surely manifest that when the people are truly Christian there also the patriotic loyalty is strong. Where the Church flourishes the State flourishes. "Loyalty to King Jesus inspires loyalty to the rightful claims of the commonwealth."

After remarks along this line the reverend gentleman turned to complimenting the Church and office-bearers upon the excellent progress that had been made, and suggested that further advance might be made along the lines of educational interest and generous giving to Foreign and Home Missions. He spoke of the great number of young men who had given up voluntarily their careers in the ministry so that the Church was greatly depleted. Young women, trained deaconesses, were now being employed with fine success in some of the mission fields. Youth must nevertheless be urged to consider the call to the ministry.

At the morning service the Doctor spoke on "Waiting: waiting on God as

BASEBALL LEAGUE IS FORMED OF FOUR TEAMS

DAYLIGHT SAVING GOES WELL

As far as Vulcan is concerned the daylight saving scheme is being fitted into the scheme of things without a hitch. It is business as usual an hour ahead of the real time. On Sunday all the clocks were placed an hour forward, and the church recognized the new schedule. In the country the farmers have no need to pay attention to it to the same extent. Just at present they are using all the daylight, up in work on the fields. Some of them have not changed their clocks from the old time.

CHAMPION PIONEERS MEET IN MARK'S HALL

A rather unique gathering in Mark's hall, Champion, last Monday evening. The married pioneers of the Champion district for gathering in the hall, which was very kindly lent for the purpose by George Mark.

Old time experiences were related in an old-time way. Music was provided by two old-timers, George Matlock and Mr. Howerton, these gentlemen performing their part of the programme in a most excellent manner. A generous and appetizing supper was provided by the "old pioneer ladies" which was enjoyed by all present. During the supper, at intervals, step-dancing in an old pioneer way was in order. Neil McLeod, Guy Voicey and Alf Hopkins contributed in this direction in an efficient manner. Before the gathering dispersed a vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Mark for the use of the hall. A vote of thanks and appreciation was also tendered the ladies who worked so faithfully and energetically for the success of the evening. After the expenses had been paid a balance of \$10.00 was allocated to the Red Cross. All present report a most enjoyable time and suggest that the Pioneer gathering be an annual affair.

The erection of the new church at Kirkcaldy has commenced.

the pith of religion, waiting for God as the test of religion, and waiting with God as the motive of service in religion."

Miss Peace sang very feelingly a rendering of "Nearer My God to Thee" and the choir rendered the anthem "Not Ashamed of Jesus". Good sized congregations greeted the distinguished visitor, who is well known to the congregation.

STRICT COMBING OUT OF CLASS ONE

Categories "A" and "B" of Class One to Be Called in Full

Nothing official has yet been given out by the government as to the proposed amendments to the Military Service Act. It is generally believed, however, that the government proposes to take steps which will mean that the majority of men of Class One of both first and second medical category are likely to be in uniform at no very distant date. In other words there is likely to be a most vigorous combing out of all unmarried men and widowers without dependents between the ages of 20 and 34 years. It is considered unlikely that the second class will be called until this combing process has taken place in the first class. Every effort will be made to speed up the hearing of appeals before the appeal tribunals and authority may be taken which will materially shorten the procedure in connection with appeals.

WEDDING RECEPTION

About one hundred and fifty people were present at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Walker on Friday evening, the occasion being a reception in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Walker. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Walker were host and hostess.

The evening was opened by a fitting address from the Rev. A. R. Schrag, who dwelt on the purpose for which the guests were gathered together, and a musical program followed. Vocal solos were contributed by Mrs. Simons, Miss Peace and Mr. Whicher, a reading from Mr. Simons, and piano solos by Miss Howson and Mr. Glover. At the close of the program Mr. Glover, on behalf of a number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Walker, presented the newly married couple with a handsome case of Community silver. Mr. Roy Walker made a graceful reply. There were also many other presents.

Following this the guests adjourned from the house to the barn where dancing was indulged in until the early hours of the morning. A sumptuous supper was served at midnight. It was a splendid evening's enjoyment and the thanks of those who were present are due to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Walker.

ENSIGN RED CROSS SHIPMENT

The Ensign branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society has made and shipped the following supplies for the month of February and March:

February—34 many tailed bandages, 10 cotton binders, 32 flannel binders, 30 T bandages, 12 pillow slips, 12 personal property bags, 9 day shirts, 8 prs. socks, 2 prs. amputation socks.

March—11 day shirts, 34 many tailed bandages, 28 flannel binders, 14 cotton binders, 26 bed pan covers, 44 personal property bags, 30 T bandages, 18 pillow slips, 4 prs. socks, 4 prs. amputation socks.

Great interest is being taken by the members in the work of the Society and new members are being added.

ODDFELLOWS' SUNDAY, APRIL 28th

Members of the Rebekah and Odd-fellow lodges are asked to bear in mind the Sunday morning service on the date of the Lodge Anniversary, April 28th. The members will leave the I.O.O.F. hall for Church at 10:45, when a special service will be conducted by the Rev. A. R. Schrag, who will take as his subject: "Brotherhood, Ancient and Modern."

FOR FARMERS ONLY

A Handbook for Farmers is a very useful booklet that has just been issued by the Commission of Conservation. It treats of tillage, use of manures, seed selection, clover growing, the farm garden, weeds and insect pests, and other farm topics, in an informative as well as popular manner. The quantity is limited and the booklet will be supplied on request only to bona fide farmers.

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NO ROOM FOR THE PESSIMIST

Probably the most widely read piece of information during the past week has been the message of General Haig to the soldiers of the British army, it has done more to throw the pessimist to the depths of despair than anything else. To the habitual pessimist bluntness is a state of mind which one can hardly dispel with a club. When the British advance he is ever on the alert to discern the first sign to prove that the Germans will come back in more than full force, and when the British are forced to retire his gifted imagination sees not only the Channel ports but the whole of France in the grasp of the enemy, while the Allied forces wade out to sea on the chance of being picked up by a passing steamer. But the message of General Haig has acted as the last straw and our pessimist sees in the message the swan song of a noble and valiant army about to be annihilated by the brute force of the Germans.

To anyone who has given any thought to the matter of the German drive the conclusion is that while the Germans are making a vicious attempt to overwhelm the British army and force a decision before the arrival on the western front of a sufficiently large body of American troops, the British line must bend if it is to live at all. After over three weeks of the most terrific pressure the British line is still holding, and, what is more important still, holding so well that brilliant and successful counter attacks are being carried out. The Germans in their efforts are throwing men in close formation into the British fire and they are therefore making a sacrifice which is at least as three to two compared with that of the men attacked. The enemy force is being worn down for they are paying dearly for every yard they gain. But against this the British had to retire. There is not the slightest call for pessimism in a retirement such as they have carried out.

General Haig's message, so far from being a bird of ill omen, might just as easily and assuredly with more reason be accepted as a change of fortune for the British. If the time has come

for the commander to hold his forces without further retirement it means that either the enemy is sufficiently weakened, the force attacked has become sufficiently strengthened to withstand the shock, or the retiring force has reached positions which are more easily held with the same of greater loss to the attacking force. No commander would issue an order for no further retirement when it would mean the wiping-out of his forces as in the case under consideration it would undoubtedly have meant three weeks ago. Granted, the situation is serious and calls for grave consideration and application of thought. But there is no room for pessimism. It is safe to say that the greatest optimists at present are the soldiers themselves, and if those at home cannot "carry on" in the same spirit they are hardly entitled to call the army is doing for them.

THE FORMALDEHYDE SCARE

During the past week the farming communities have been alarmed about a story to the effect that the formaldehyde had been so treated as to kill the germ of the seed wheat, which would mean no crop. The work was attributed to alien enemies, and as the story progressed it gathered in volume until every farmer for miles around had become the victim of German cunning.

Fortunately the story has no foundation. Reports gathered by the daily papers speak of no instances which can be accepted as general, and our local farmers who have examined grain sown are satisfied that it has not been tampered with. So there appears to be nothing more than air to the whole affair, which is a matter for congratulation. As to whether the alien within our gates would go to such a length in order to assist the German nation is a question which everyone must answer for himself, but it is to be hoped that now he has heard of the suggestion he will refrain from acting on it.

THE LATEST MOVE IN IRELAND

The news reports spoke truly when they said that Mr. Lloyd George, premier of the British house of commons, had made the boldest stroke of his career when he proposed home rule and conscription for Ireland. From whatever standpoint one may regard the question the premier has taken upon himself the certainty of strong opposition from the Nationalists and the Ulsterite sections. And yet he is granting to Ireland as a whole requests which have come to him from there, home rule from the Nationalists and conscription from the Ulsterites. Two sections of the country have asked for two things; Mr. George has replied by giving both factions the two things, so they are now each in the position of having something they want and something they do not want. Ulster with its sentiment of loyalty to the Union, wants conscription but will fight home rule to the last ditch;

the Nationalists with their cherished hope of a self-governed Ireland, yearn for home rule but reject the proposal of conscription with all the bitterness of which they are capable.

The report of the Irish Convention coming after Mr. George's proposal, adds no light to the situation, for while the majority report is in favor of home rule the Ulster section has issued a minority report, protesting against the findings of the majority. So things are little helped from that standpoint.

To face the situation squarely and unflinchingly will call for all the courage Mr. Lloyd George possesses. He is a man who, having once made a decision upon a line of action, will not leave it until he had done all he can do to carry it through. Heretofore his career has been marked by signal successes in face of overwhelming odds, and although today there are many who would gladly see him deprived of the premiership, they are at a loss to suggest his successor. Great careers have been wrecked on the Irish question before, and speculation is rife as to whether Lloyd George and his government can weather the storm. He himself states that he stands or falls by the answer to his suggestion, and he is sufficiently sure of himself to believe that the answer will be in the affirmative. He has made the boldest stroke of his career but the carrying through of it depends largely on the subduing of the two sentimental forces in Ireland and the fusion of them into a common whole.

NOTES

The decision of the council to beautify the Agricultural grounds and give it something of the nature of a park is a very wise one which should meet with the approval of the entire community. It will, of course, require some years of work to get it to assume any appearance worthy of mention in the same breath as a park, but the effort is well worth while. To stimulate interest in the growing of trees and the beautifying of the prairie is one of our greatest needs. We have been too much inclined to leave things as we found them, but we are gradually waking up to the fact that beneficial changes can be brought about by the application of a little thought and industry.

A terrible indictment of cruelty against the Germans in their treatment of British prisoners appeared in the Calgary Herald of Saturday. As one reads it there arises the question in thought as to whether it is possible for one race of human beings to treat another race in so inhuman a manner. And the worst of it is not told until it is said that not only German men but German nurses wearing the insignia of the Red Cross participated in the abuse. School children apparently have also been educated up or down to this level of cruelty and hatred. It is difficult for us to even get an idea of the frame of mind required for this treatment of one's enemies. Abuse, shame and degradation do not enter into our category of treatment of our prisoners of war. We do accept the theory that they are human, but after reading of the above instances one wonders whether we have been quite in that, after all.

Following the marvel of the great German gun which could throw a shell for over seventy miles comes the report that the British are busy constructing a gun capable of throwing a shell eighty miles or more. At about the same time there is reported the successful flight of an aeroplane with eleven passengers from the United States to England. Thus we progress beating each new invention with something more remarkable and startling. There is, however, satisfaction in the thought that after the war much that has been invented for the purpose of destruction can be put to uses of construction.

The progress of the German drive seems to be stemmed. Notwithstanding the heavy attacks made by the enemy the British line is holding at all points. The order of General Haig in regard to no further retreatment seems to have come at a moment when resistance was to be offered, not for sentimental reasons, as so many have argued, but for strategic reasons. The account of the fighting which took place at the weekend immediately after the publication of the general's message shows that the British have been able to withstand and repel with great loss to him the attacks of the enemy. The allied positions were stronger and the enemy more easily held. Altogether General Haig's message should be accepted as the indication of a turning point in the battle rather than as something utterly without hope.

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CHAMPION RED CROSS STILL GOING STRONG

Further Names Are Added to Life Membership of Local Branch

The continuation of the Red Cross drive. Last week we reported eleven life members and 62 active members. Additional members this week: Life members, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Harper; active members, Mrs. Alcock, Mrs. Chamberlin, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Davis.

The local branch wishes to tender thanks and appreciation to Messrs. Norris and Carlson for draying Red Cross goods from the station to the Red Cross depot.

250 Red Cross garments are being shipped to the Calgary headquarters this week.

Edna Orr, six years of age, made and delivered Red Cross goods last week.

The following ladies were present at the regular sewing session on Friday afternoon: Mesdames McDougall, Alcock, Chamberlin, Sutton, Puzey, Haddon, Hardisty, Johnson, Harper, Miss Brown.

The girls will meet for sewing meeting next Tuesday evening at eight o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. F. Harper, Vulcan street.

Monies received last week: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Davis \$15, Mrs. W. L. Ulrich, self-sacrifice envelope \$1.75, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Harper \$50.

The following is the list of goods sent to headquarters last week: 12 dressing gowns, 12 flannel binders, 7 handkerchiefs, 12 operating socks, 12 pyjamas, 12 day shirts, 12 stretcher caps, 12 bed sheets, 12 pillow cases, 12 towels, 12 operating gowns, 12 nurses aprons, 6 slippers, 12 triangular slings, 12 personal property bags, 2 scarves, 12 face cloths, 12 socks, 1 pr. mittens.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Campbell of Cal-

gary spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. St. Peter.

Next Sunday the Rev. Haddon will speak on the Passion Play. His address will be illustrated with 50 beautiful slides.

May 24th. Big Red Cross day in Champion. Program later. Keep the date open for Champion.

The Laugh-A-Lot girls were entertained at the Moffatt residence last Thursday evening.

The Sunday school banquet held in the church last Friday evening was a huge success from every point of view. Never before in the history of Champion has there been such a crowd at a Sunday school gathering. The programme was varied and interesting throughout. The supper was well prepared and quite in keeping with the times.

Mr. Will McRae, of Champion and Miss Henderson, of Ontario, former school teacher at the Blossom school, were united in marriage at Calgary on Good Friday.

Tom Campbell, the famous hatter of Calgary, and George Campbell, of Delia, Alberta, have taken over the stock of the Halliday Co. store. The business will in future be known as Campbell's Limited.

Rhodes-Andrews

The wedding took place on March 26th, at Troutdale, Ore., U.S.A., of Herbert C. Rhodes, Long Coulee, and Edith Andrews, of Troutdale, Ore. Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes will make their home on the old Elmer Andrews place east of Champion.

ALLIES ARE HUNGRY: EVERY BUSHEL NEEDED

Head of British Wheat Export Company Makes Urgent Plea to Producers

A billion-bushel wheat crop from the farmers of the country for 1918 was predicted by delegates to the 16th annual meeting of the Millers' National Federation, which was in session at Chicago, Saturday. The federation voted to recommend to the milling division of the food administration that the 30 per cent allotment of their output for the allies be increased to the maximum available tonnage for shipment. The recommendation was made after Col. H. B. Tasker of London, and head of the Wheat Export Company in New York, told of the privations suffered in England and other allied countries. "Still we're happy," he said. But the allies are still hungry and if you can spare a little more flour for God's sake send it."

BACK YARDS AND

VACANT LOTS

Now is the time for organization. There will be a greater need for production in cities, towns and villages this summer than ever before. Plan what you will do with the back yard or vacant lot now, so when the season begins in a few weeks hence, you will know what to do and will lose no precious time about it. Once the garden season starts it starts with a rush. There is no shortage of vegetable seeds except parsnips. Wholesale dealers have plenty of seeds in stock.

RED CROSS GETS PERCENTAGE

Ten per cent of the receipts of all games played at the Chicago American league park this season will be donated to the Red Cross, Charles M. Comiskey, owner of the club announced. Comiskey's contribution to the Red Cross last season was \$17,000.

SONS OF THE SOIL

Under the auspices of the Canada Food Board, 25,000 Canadian boys from 15 to 1 years of age, were called to help out this summer on the farm. To date, 23,000 responded in Ontario and Western provinces alone. Quebec and the Maritime Provinces hold their enrolment later.

CITY LABOR

The Montreal Builder's Exchange and the Winnipeg Builder's Exchange are encouraging their men to take jobs on farms. They have offered to take contracts for the cultivation of large areas of land or the breaking of prairie.

Hope to Settle Irish Question—There are strong hopes in England that the Irish troubles will undergo a gradual and pacific solution. An important fact is that the menace of critical events in France overshadow all other considerations and imposes restraint upon all the factions of Irishmen and their British supporters.



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46th ANNUAL STATEMENT

of the Result of the Business of the Bank for the Fifteen Months Ending 28th February, 1918

Bank of Hamilton

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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W. A. WOOD

J. P. BELL, General Manager.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account, 30th November, 1916 \$209,556.57
Profits for fifteen months ended 28th February, 1918, after deducting charges of management, interest accrued on deposits, rebate on current discounts, and making provision for bad and doubtful debts 688,522.04
..... \$898,078.61

Appropriated as follows:
Five Quarterly Dividends at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum \$450,000.00
Pension Fund, Annual Assessment 10,000.00
Special Contribution 22,106.87
War Tax on Bank Note Circulation 37,500.00
Patriotic, Red Cross and Relief Funds 16,550.00
Bank Premises Account 50,000.00
..... 675,556.91

Balance of Profits carried forward \$222,521.80
Hamilton, 18th March, 1918.

GENERAL STATEMENT

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
To the Public:		Current Coin	
Notes of the Bank in Circulation	\$ 5,127,111.00	Dominion Government Notes	\$ 901,257.15
Deposits not bearing interest, \$16,771,569.65		Deposit in Central Gold Reserves	6,024,951.00
Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date of statement	36,588,311.45	Deposit with the Minister of Finance for the purposes of the Circulation Fund	2,500,000.00
.....	\$58,359,981.04	Notes of other Banks	157,000.00
Balances due to other Banks in Canada	44,154.69	Cheques on other Banks	389,297.00
Balances due to Banks and Banking Correspondents in the United Kingdom	988.30	Balances due by other Banks in Canada	1,846,132.55
Balances due to Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada and the United Kingdom	1,191,407.61	Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	338,559.07
Acceptances under Letters of Credit	194,917.27	.....	1,059,602.77
.....	\$59,918,659.91	.....	\$13,216,799.57
To the Shareholders:		Dominion and Provincial Government Securities, not exceeding market value	
Capital Stock paid in	2,000,000.00	.....	\$ 3,296,775.32
Reserve Fund	\$2,300,000.00	Canadian Municipal Securities and British, Foreign and Colonial Public Securities other than Canadian	7,541,290.23
Balance of Profits carried forward	\$22,521.80	Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks, not exceeding market value	674,841.02
.....	\$2,322,521.80	Call and Short Loans (not exceeding thirty days) in Canada, on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	3,457,456.12
Dividend No. 115, payable 1st March, 1918	90,000.00	Call and Short Loans (not exceeding thirty days) elsewhere than in Canada	1,400,900.00
Former Dividends unclaimed	699.00	.....	\$29,616,152.26
.....	\$66,541,680.71	Other Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less rebate of interest)	\$3,134,195.55
		Other Current Loans and Discounts elsewhere than in Canada (less rebate of interest)	575,196.00
		Real Estate other than Bank Premises	407,625.84
		Overdue Debts, estimated loss provided for Bank Premises, at not more than cost, less amounts written off	175,542.30
		Other Assets not included in the foregoing	2,145,455.13
		Liabilities of Customers under Letters of Credit as per contra	292,590.36
		.....	194,917.27
		.....	\$66,541,680.71

JOHN S. HENDRIE, President.

J. P. BELL, General Manager.

AUDITORS' REPORT

In accordance with the provisions of Sub-sections 19 and 20 of Section 56 of the Bank Act, we report to the Shareholders as follows:

We have examined the above Balance Sheet with the books and vouchers at Head Office, and with the certified returns from the Branches, and we have obtained all the information and explanations we have required, and in our opinion the transactions which have come under our notice have been within the powers of the Bank.

We have checked the cash and verified the securities of the Bank at the Chief Office and at several of the principal Branches during the fifteen months covered by this statement, as well as on February 28th, 1918, and we found that they agreed with the entries in the books of the Bank with regard thereto.

In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Bank's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given us, and as shown by the books of the Bank.

Hamilton, 18th March, 1918.

C. S. SCOTT, J. Chartered Accountants.

E. S. READ, Auditors.

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NEW FOOD REGULATIONS ARE FINDING FAVOR

**Public Willing to Help By
Accepting Food Board's
Latest Ruling**

Reports reaching the Canada Food Board and comment in the public press go to show that the new restaurant regulations ordered by the Board, will have warm, general public approval. There is no doubt that a great deal of food will be saved by the strict enforcement of these regulations and there is no doubt that every ounce of food that can be saved is needed in the countries bearing the brunt of the war.

Human nature is such that when opportunity presents, every facility in public eating houses for the maintaining the pre-war standard of eating and drinking, that standard will be maintained despite public knowledge of the necessity of changing that standard to a war basis. Everybody will admit the need. Everybody will be apt to wait for other people to do the saving. The new regulations while, still to a certain extent, relying upon voluntary co-operation, add a great deal more of the element of compulsion than was included in the first regulations passed for public eating houses. The fact that very strict fines are heaped over the heads of not only proprietors of public eating places, but employees as well, will have a decided effect. Persons violating in these new regulations or impeding their enforcement are liable on summary conviction before a police magistrate or two justices of the peace, to a penalty of not more than \$1000 and not less than \$100, or imprisonment for terms not exceeding three months, or both fine and imprisonment.

Under the new regulations the word "pork" is substituted for the word "bacon," it will be noticed. Bacon, in the trade use of the term, means "back," that is, the side or back of the hog. Pork—cured, fresh or pickled—is now all, included in the regulation, and the consumption restricted. Another point brought out in connection with the new regulations, is that on and after the first day of June, 1918, public eating places will be subject to license from the Canada Food Board.

AT THE LEGISLATURE

The past week was one devoid of sensations, but marked by hard arduous work with the estimates. The expenditures for 1918 exceed ten million dollars. The provincial treasurer estimates that the new taxation legislation should render him able to meet this expenditure in order that 1918 may not add to the deficit which has been increasing from year to year. Alberta must now undertake to "carry on" herself, financially speaking, instead of living and prospering on borrowed money.

The Premier was inclined to throw out a ray of hope, that there was some possibility of a very limited construction program in connection with rural telephones, but he would make no definite assertion. However, he did state that the government would be compelled to increase the rental charges on rural lines.

The Minister of Public Works made the announcement that the money raised by automobile licenses would be "ear-marked" for road and bridge construction. Apparently this was to compromise with the two popular demands, namely, (1) Increased demand on road construction, apart from trunk roads. (2) The automobile licenses collected in a municipality should be expended in that municipality. The announcement of the Minister, however, meets neither demand. The policy simply decides that hereafter automobile license money will be definitely allocated for road and bridge construction. But this does not mean an increase over last year toward road construction. As a matter of fact, it is estimated that the revenue from automobile licenses for 1918 will be \$400,000. Last year the government spent about \$900,000 on roads and bridges, but count on reducing this to \$700,000 for this year. Also note that all monies from automobile licenses are pooled for roads anywhere in the province. Naturally the members from Southern Alberta consider they have the short end of the stake.

Dr. G. D. Stanley introduced the discussion respecting private schools in the province. He showed there were 39 private schools with over 4500 students as attend our High School grades in our Public Schools. The government does not require teachers in these private schools to hold certificates demanded of teachers in our public schools, nor does it require the use of the text books or curriculum set for study in our public schools. As a matter of fact there is nothing to prevent the language of instruction to be any foreign language, except the occasional visit of the inspec-

tor. Dr. Stanley demanded with great force, that these private teachers should possess the same certificates, and the schools follow the same curriculum and the same text books as our public schools, and that the language of instruction be the English language. Dr. Stanley contended that the same standard should apply to all schools—public and private alike.

In speaking to a motion of Captain Pearson's, Premier Stewart promised to establish a branch of his Department for the administration of all matters relating to the returned soldiers.

Dr. Stanley urged the Minister of Agriculture to consider seriously the recommendation of the Frankburg Society respecting waste in production. These urged increased food stuffs, viz (1) cultivation around old straw-stacks; (2) proper testing of seed grain; (3) prevention of the destruction and waste of grain in feeding horses employed by threshing outfits; (4) loss of grain during threshing operations.

Captain Pearson and the members of the opposition urged the closing of Alberta's financial office in London, England, and thus effect a saving of about \$20,000. The opposition also urged the reduction of number of public utility commissioners to one judge as in Manitoba. Mr. Bulyea's salary as chairman is \$7,200 and each of the other two commissioner's salary is \$6000. The opposition claimed that Judge Carpenter can do the work easily.

ABOUT THE DAVIS CHICKENS

P. B. Tustin, who was appointed to investigate the poultry supply of the Davis company, Winnipeg, following the destruction of 8,500 pounds which had spoiled, in the incinerators there, has made a report to the food controller. His report is that the poultry had not been properly bled, that it had not been properly stored in packing and that the insulation was imperfect. The company have about 50,000 pounds in storage and more of this will have to be destroyed. Mr. Tustin finds that this company has been charging more for its poultry and fowl, the difference ranging from one to five cents a pound.

TO ELIMINATE SPECULATION

The Canada Food Board has issued an order which is expected to eliminate the speculative element from the produce business by regulating the quantity of produce that may be held in storage, and of requiring monthly reports of quantity on hand and of waste. Dealers are required to operate under license, which may be cancelled, and violations of regulations may be punished by fine and imprisonment.

The Vulcan Co-operative company had a shipment of hogs in Calgary last week which were handled by the United Grain Growers.

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INCUBATORS AND CHICKENS; HOW TO PRODUCE RESULTS

The ordinary incubator consists of a cabinet, fitted with a drawer to hold eggs, heated by means of a lamp, which is controlled by a self-acting apparatus for regulating the temperature known as thermostat. The machine is so constructed that while the eggs are in it they receive the moisture and ventilation essential to the development of the germ and embryo. A regular temperature is necessary for the eggs while in the machine but this is of little avail unless the right heat is maintained, and the moisture and ventilation are all they should be. The best hatching temperature is around 103½ degrees, the temperature of the room in which the machine is located being between 60 and 70 degrees.

The requisite heat is supplied by means of the lamp, the dry heat either by entering into the egg-chamber direct or warming a tank of water, or waterpipes radiating around it, according to the design of the machine adopted. Whether the necessary heat is supplied by hot water or hot air, however, matters little so long as the thermostat acts effectually.

Thermostats vary according to the make of machine; but the principle by which they are worked is the utilization of a volatile fluid that boils—that is, expands—at a certain temperature.

A capsule containing this fluid is hermetically sealed and arranged with

a rod resting on it, the damper is over the lamp. When the heat rises to about 104 degrees the capsule swells and pushes up the rod. This in turn lifts the lever and the damper rises and releases the superfluous hot air. If on the other hand there is not sufficient heat, the damper falls, and imprisoning the heat, raises the temperature. There are, of course, various modifications, but this is the principal in vogue, so far as the standard types of machine are controlled.

When purchasing an incubator the best plan is to select a machine that has a reputation for reliability, carefully avoiding the very cheap type, the manipulation of which can only result in failure. The prices vary, according to the number of eggs the machines are constructed to hold, and if an incubator is to be taken in hand seriously, a sixty or even a hundred egg machine is none too large. Anything on a smaller scale may suffice for experimental purposes, but is of very little practical value from a business standpoint. Full directions how to work the incubators are furnished by those who sell them, and these should be carefully studied. If the intending purchaser can personally interview the maker, and get him to explain the working of the machine, so much the better.

That an incubator is a good investment for anyone who cares to take up the artificial incubation of chickens seriously goes without saying, as there is always a demand for chickens

at prices profitable to the producer.

This is a branch of the poultry industry that disabled soldiers might well take up, as it entails very little trouble beyond looking after the machine and despatching the chickens to their destination.

under which the board and its chairman, Bernard M. Baruch, virtually will control the production and distribution of every commodity essential to the prosecution of the war.

PIGS AND POTATOES

To Control Essentials.—Formal announcement was recently made by the U. S. war industries board of its functions and policy under the board powers delegated by President Wilson

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Only 19 pairs, but one of our best values, sizes 11 to 5 **\$2.85**

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Eclipse and Amherst, all sizes 11 to 2, gun-metal, button or lace, worth up to 4.00, while they last. Only 41 pairs **\$2.15**

This week sees the end of our Big Boot and Shoe Sale. Saturday night will find us without any stock. Are you among those who have taken advantage of our sale? If not get in now because you will miss the opportunity if you don't. Prices below cost for the sake of absolute clearance.

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Misses' Slippers

HURRY! If you want a pair of Misses Slipper. All sizes 11 to 2, in patent or gun metal, only 20 pairs left **\$1.85**

Ladies

Don't miss the last chance to buy 6.50 boots for 3.15. 93 pairs all at one price, patents and gun metal, button and lace, Invictus, Bell and Amherst. All sizes. **\$3.15**

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ALL ENGLAND ON MEAT RATIONS

Conviction of Absolute Equality of Sacrifices Causes Public to Accept the Situation Cheerfully

The following official report of conditions in England has been received by His Excellency the Governor-General, and has been issued to the press: "From the beginning of this week the whole of Great Britain is under the operation of the compulsory scheme for meat rationing."

"The institution of a partial scheme for London area six weeks ago practically abolished the meat queues, and it is expected these will now disappear throughout the country. Seventy-eighths of the people are now subjected to local rationing schemes for butter and margarine, while the whole country has been for some time rationed in sugar. The conviction of the absolute equality of sacrifice has caused the public to accept the necessary restrictions singularly good-naturedly and has encouraged the demand for rationing of other foodstuffs in which scarcity is found or expected. It is intended to reduce the butchers' meat ration after May 5, and to substitute an additional bacon ration, thus leaving birds and flocks to fatten during the grazing months. The supplies of lard having improved it is proposed to include this in a slightly increased fat ration. Cereal imports are still far below requirements of the wheat executive."

"Active measures are being pushed forward by the government in concert with employers' and workmen's associations to promote the formation throughout the country of representative joint councils to deal with matters of interest in various trades, such as labor materials, etc., during the period of transition following the war."

SEEDING IN PROVINCE EARLIER THIS YEAR

Good Increase is Shown in the Amount of Acreage Seeded

In the weekly report in the field operations of the province the Market Examiner reports that seeding over the province generally is much earlier than it was last year by from five to twenty days.

The following gives an idea of the time seeding commenced and also of the increased acreage at various points:

From all reports which have been received from a very wide area throughout the province the farmers are getting at seeding from five to 20 days earlier than last year, and some estimates place the increased acreage from 10 to 30 per cent. Seeding is very general and some of the larger farms are reported to have about 800 acres of crop in already.

Agents of the Alberta Pacific from practically all points report work well under way and the acreage will be well increased. Much of the increase will be in flax and oats and the firm is getting a great many orders for seed.

There does not appear to be a shortage of labor and agents of the Alberta Pacific who closed up their houses for the purpose of assisting the farmers with seeding operations had in some cases to travel for 15 miles before they found a man who wanted their services.

Reports are now coming in to S.S. Pocock, manager of the N. Bawlf Grain Co., in response to a circular which he sent out asking for information regarding seeding, and they are all very encouraging. The season is mentioned by agents as being in some cases as much as three weeks earlier than last year. Following are some of the points heard from, giving the dates on which seeding started:

Katherine—April 6; acreage increased 20 p. c.; no labor shortage.

Nanton—March 28; acreage about the same.

Carstairs—March 25; 10-15 p. c. increase.

Grassy Lake—April 5; about 10 p. c.

Mazeppa—April 1; about the same.

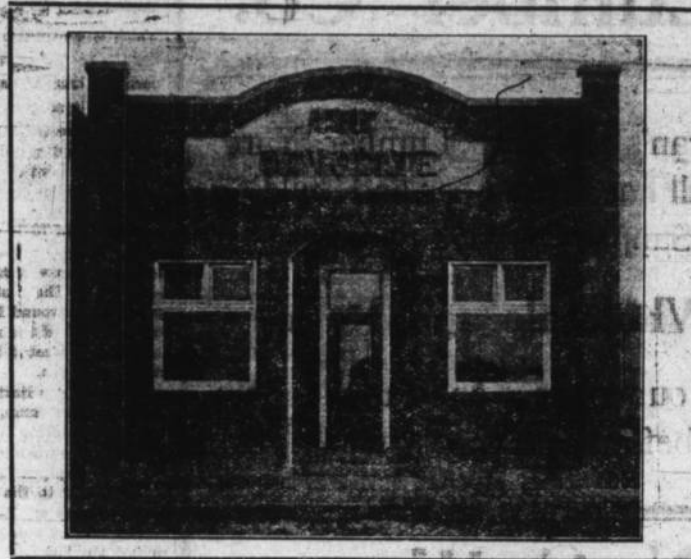
Calvey—March 18; from 20 to 40 p. c.

Daysland—April 5; less wheat; more oats.

Viking—April 8; 10 p. c.

While there does not appear to have been any trouble owing to the labor shortage during seed time, there is on every hand a general opinion that preparation should be made for the harvest, when there will undoubtedly be a place for everybody. Some of the towns are making preparations now and in some cases the merchants have

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agreed to close up their stores, and those who do not get out and hustle will be boycotted.

At Priddis, seeding is getting on splendidly out in that district, and this appears to be the general expression of opinion.

Taber district has not seeded much yet, but it is expected there will be an increase of 25 per cent. in the wheat area and the flax will be doubled.

Champion reports about 5 per cent of the crop sown.

THOUSANDS FOR FARMS

Thousands of men are needed immediately to help on the farm this summer. The increased acreage of cereals in an imperative war time necessity. Employers of labor should allow men with farm experience to go back to the farm.

Terrific German Deathroll—Reports of the fighting on the western front

for the weekend give every indication that the German losses have been greater than ever. Heavy concentrations of German troops have been ripped to pieces by the British fire. In the region of Estaires British riflemen killed so many of the enemy that the advancing Germans piled up dead bodies and used them as protection against the fire. German prisoners state that when they started to advance they had to walk over bodies and the wreckage of munition and supply wagons.

Fight with Food

A Call to the Whole Dominion for the Utmost Effort to Produce Food for our Soldiers and Allies



OUR ALLIES are desperately short of food. In the midst of plenty ourselves we must face the stern reality of England on shorter rations than she has been for over a hundred years, and France with only three days' food reserve. Even from their present small supplies they are saving Italy from collapse through hunger.

Since shipping must be concentrated on the shortest routes, Canada and the United States must continue to be practically the only source of supply. Canada must provide wheat and meat in increasing quantities to meet a situation that imperils the issues of the war.

Men who can be spared for work on the farms must serve in this way. Those who are obliged to remain in the city or town can at least raise vegetables in their gardens or on vacant lots.

Every effort will be made to see that labor is forthcoming to harvest the maximum crops that farmers can produce.

An increased spring acreage in wheat and other grain is vitally needed.

Stock raisers are asked to provide the greatest possible production of meat, especially pork.

Starvation is threatening our Allies. Everyone in Canada must fight by doing his or her utmost to produce and to conserve food.

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The farmers of the community are
now in their busy season. Wheat
seeding and harrowing are now in full
swing.

Mr. E. Lyons has returned from
the north where he spent the winter
in the lumber camps. He is now
working on the Hilltop ranch.

Mr. C. Thomas is building a store
and blacksmith shop at Eastway.

Miss F. Kuhn has returned to Ed-
monton where she will continue her
course at the Ladies College.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jones have re-
turned from their honeymoon, which
they spent at Vancouver.

The people of the community will
be glad to hear that Mr. Leadbetter
from Gleichen, is now living in the
district on the old Shouldice farm.

J. W. Morrison created the latest
limit. On Friday, April 5th he was
seen driving around the country try-
ing to hunt up a dance.

We hear that one of the farmers
in the Eastway district has been
dragging the public highway with a
float. We are glad to see such an in-
terest taken in the roads.

Several ranchers in this district
have had losses from blackleg.

Accidents will happen. One occurred
on Friday when a quarter of a mile
of Mr. Hill's fence was torn down by
a drill.

Quite a number of people from this
district attended the box social and
dance held in Vulcan last Friday.

REID HILL NEWS

Mr. Rudolph Myers has returned
from Los Angeles, Cal., where he has
been spending the winter.

Everybody is busy seeding, and the
land is in fine shape for it.

O. Wooters has gone to the hospital
at Rochester, Minn.

The Misses Edith and Dorothy
Stidham are visiting with the Misses
Flossie and Beatrice Smith.

There is a rumor afloat that Reid
Hill is going to have another store.
Competition is the life of trade.

Land is changing hands around
here in pretty lively fashion and at
fancy prices.

The Baptists are asking for tenders
on the Reid Hill Baptist church. Reid
Hill always in the lead.

GARBAGE AS HOG FEED

Saskatoon, Sask., feeds 500 to 800
hogs on garbage, mixed with a small
amount of grain. The City of Wor-
chester, Mass., feeds 3,000 hogs on
garbage; Springfield, Mass., sells \$50,-
000 worth of municipal fed hogs;
Grand Rapids, Mich., feeds 300 cattle
400 sheep and 700 pigs on garbage
and a certain amount of hay. Arling-
ton, Mass., Lowell, Mass., Fall River,
Mass., and Providence, R. I., all dis-
tribute their garbage to private com-
panies who feed it to livestock.

FEEDING GRAIN IN STOCK YDS.

No grain may now be fed to live-
stock awaiting slaughter in stock
yards eight hours before killing. Bar-
ley above grade No. 3 and oats above
No. 1 Feed, may not be fed to stock
in stockyards. Millable wheat may
not be bought or sold as poultry
feed. Grain for feeding or decoying
migratory wild fowl is prohibited ex-
cept under license by the Canada
Food Board.

TO EXTEND AGRI. EDUCATION

The promotion of welfare of the
agricultural community as a basis for
the industrial and commercial pros-
perity of the country, was the object
aimed at by parliament when it ad-
opted the measure known as the Agri-
cultural Instruction Act. By means
of this act the sum of ten million dol-
lars was set apart for distribution
among the provinces over a period of
ten years, to provide for a greater
extension of instruction and educa-
tion for those engaged in farming.

How wide a field is being covered
by agricultural instruction work is
indicated in a pamphlet just issued by
the Dominion Commissioner of Agri-
cultural Instruction, Mr. W. J. Black.
It is entitled "Agricultural Instruc-
tion in Canada" and a copy may be
had on application to the Publications
Branch of the Department of Agri-
culture, Ottawa. In it are given par-
ticulars of how the Provincial Depart-
ment of Agriculture has spent \$215,-
681.14 during the years of 1914-16.

SPLendid RUN ON SAP

Indications point to a greatly in-
creased production of maple sugar
and maple syrup this year. The wea-
ther has been ideal—consistently warm
days and light frost at night. At Oka
on Lake of the Two Mountains, the
Trappist Monks have tapped 5,000
trees. In view of the sugar situation,
every pound of Canadian sugar pro-
duced this year counts as never be-
fore. Women and children should help
in the sugar bush with good will and
enthusiasm for men are scarce and
needed for the war.

Hon. Duncan Marshall, Minister of
Agriculture for Alberta, does not
believe in the eight hour day for work
on the farm in these war times at
least. One farmer who agrees with
him wants to know when the union
members are so particular about the
hours they work, why they do not
give a care about starting to work on
time, and the loss of so much time
talking, smoking, etc., is inclined to
think some laborers want 60 cents an
hour so they can the more easily fig-
ure how much they rob their employ-
ers each day. Another farmer says
at present wages he will have no man
who smokes or wears a belt for the
reason that when the man is not roll-
ing a smoke he is hitching on his
pants.

Seeing a gopher today reminded us
that if we supply the small boy with
half a dozen traps and offer him a
bounty of 5 cents each, he will catch
enough gophers to keep the hens sup-
plied with meat all summer. Get him
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hen can reach the meat, she will do
the rest.

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REID HILL CHURCH BUILDING

Tenders for the building of the
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are required. Plans and specifications
can be obtained on application to the
undersigned. The tenders must be in
on or before April 15th, 1918. Percy
Myers, S. 17-22, Secretary, Vul-
can, Alberta.

MUNICIPALITY OF MARQUIS
Notice re Weed Inspector

Applications are now open for the
position of weed inspector for the
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